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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the <u>Department of Health home page</u> (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

After a hearing in May 2011, the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Kayla Nicole Pieper** (HC60167991) and placed her license on probation. In 2010 she entered into an order of continuance on a charge of assault. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Clark County

In May 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged paramedic **Richard L. Wilson** (ES01166403) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with a patient's mother. Allegedly the patient is a minor child and the mother was a key party for the patient.

Grays Harbor County

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered and certified nursing assistant **Kaci Lynn Comstock** (NA60079017 NC60068714) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took multiple bank checks from a patient without permission, forged the patient's husband's signature, made the checks payable to herself, and deposited the checks. She allegedly took \$7,000 from the patient and her husband without permission. In 2011 she was convicted of theft.

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Jefferson County

In May 2011 the Board of Hearing and Speech placed the license of hearing instrument fitter and dispenser **Daniel J. Criss** (HA00003666) on probation for one year. He failed to perform adequate tests on patients, and failed to keep adequate chart notes on patient treatment. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

King County

In May 2011 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Allan J. Albert** (LP00040625). He diverted medication for his own use, and tested positive for a legend drug for which he didn't have a valid prescription. In 2008 he was also convicted of obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled substance by fraud or forged prescription. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In May 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program charged **Dana Blyzes** (CG60188702) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly engaged in sexual intercourse with a client.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program placed the registration of nursing assistant **Yun-Chang Chu** (NA60157664) on probation for 18 months. He falsified a patient's blood glucose level readings resulting in potential patient harm. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

In May 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program amended the statement of charges against emergency medical technician **Douglas B. Henderson** (ES60179107). In April 2011 he was convicted of vehicular assault —DUI.

In May 2011 the Medical Commission corrected the amended statement of charges against physician **Michael E. Mockovak** (MD00040602). He allegedly surrendered his license to practice as a physician in Oregon. In 2011 he was found guilty of solicitation to commit murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to commit theft, and attempted theft.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Eneze Mwende Mwangu** (NC60116972) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly attempted to transfer a patient with a Hoyer lift and failed to properly connect the straps on the lift. This allegedly resulted in the patient falling and sustaining multiple, serious injuries.

In June 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Jannette Thoennes** (HC00154500) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted 100 fraudulent prescriptions for hydrocodone and diazepam.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nurse **Margaret D. Yee Lim** (NA60174305) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly submitted an application to the department with falsified information.

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Mason County

In May 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program modified the agreed order against chemical dependency professional trainee **Chelsea E. Cornwall-Brady** (CO60197989) placing her certification on probation for one year. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Okanogan County

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Amanda Marie Olson-Axtell** (NA00195192).

Pierce County

In June 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Bonnie Jean Baker** (CP00006326) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for a controlled substance.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Carolyn Balleta** (NC10053100) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly left a patient unattended for about 60 minutes and the patient fell during that time.

In May 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Karen M. Cendejas** (HC60112934) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted to forging prescriptions for Percocet for another employee and herself, and stealing prescription slips for the use of forging prescriptions.

In June 2011 the Agency Affiliated Counselor Program charged **Susan Haas** (CG60164845) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a client.

Skagit County

In June 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy assistant **Katie Maynard** (VB00068475) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted a controlled substance from her place of employment. She also allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries regarding the allegation.

Snohomish County

In May 2011 the Chiropractic Commission reinstated the license of chiropractor **Michael T. Breneman** (CH00001293) and placed his license on probation for three years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against registered nursing assistant **Sunita Davy Chand** (NA00150097).

After a hearing in May 2011, the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Rickard L. Hollum** (CO60190269) and

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placed his certification on probation for three years. In 2003 he was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia, and attempted robbery; in 2006 he was convicted of possession of drug paraphernalia; and in 2007 and 2008 he was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Spokane County

In May 2011 the Nursing Commission entered into an agreed order with licensed practical nurse **Sara B. King** (LP00057276). She signed out controlled substances for patients but failed to chart the administration or wastage of the remaining drugs, failed to document signing out for drugs on patient narcotic logs, administered inaccurate controlled substances to patients, diverted oxycodone from a patient, and tested positive for opiates without a valid prescription. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Yakima County

In June2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional **Shanna Arias** (CP00000196) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances, and exhibited signs of impairment while attempting to perform work functions. She also allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about the allegations.

Out of State

Michigan: In May 2011 the Nursing Commission reinstated the license of licensed practical nurse **Patrick J. Anthony** (LP00034714).

North Dakota: In May 2011 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **George Mathew** (MD00033873). He must comply with term and conditions set against his Washington license.

Oregon: In May 2011 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Michelle M. Frank** (RN00120509).

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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